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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An application apparatus (10) for facilitating the application of a substance on an application location; the application apparatus (10) comprising:
 - an elongated applicator (14) having a gripping end (44) and a working end (38), the working end being provided with coating of a first component of the substance to be applied;
 - and
 - a base body (12) having
 - a first receptacle (24) operable to retain therein a fluid (30) which is a second component of the substance to be applied, and
 - a second receptacle (26) supported on the base body (12) next to the first receptacle (24) and having an access aperture, the second receptacle (26) being operable to receive therein the working end (38) of the substance transfer element (42) during stockage of the application apparatus (10) prior to its substance applying use.
2. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 1, wherein the second receptacle (26) forms a stand for the applicator (14), and wherein the base body (12) is configured to support the application apparatus (10) in a stable manner on a horizontal surface while the applicator (14) is in the stand alone support position in the second receptacle (26).
3. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 1, wherein the first receptacle (24) and the second receptacle (26) are spaced from one another and each has a central longitudinal axis with the central longitudinal axes of the first receptacle (24) and of the second receptacle (26) being substantially parallel to one another.
4. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 1, wherein the base body (12) includes a socket (16) ~~in which both the first receptacle (24) and the second receptacle (26) are formed~~.

5. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein at least one of the first receptacle (24) and the second receptacle (26) includes an insert (28) operable to be seated in the socket (16).
6. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein the base body (12) includes a base plate (18) on which the socket (16) is mounted, the base plate (18) having a layout extent, as viewed in the direction perpendicular to the height of the socket (16), substantially greater than the layout extent of the socket (16), the layout extent of the base plate (18) being formed by a projection of the base plate (18).
7. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim [[4]] 6, wherein the projection of the base plate (18) is configured as a hand grippable portion and includes a recess.
8. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein a fluid capture rim (20) encircles the socket (16) for capturing fluid spillage.
9. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein the base body (12) includes a base plate (18) on which the socket (16) is mounted, the base plate (18) having a height of between 1 and 10 mm and the socket (16) having a height of between 15 and 60 mm.
10. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein the base body (12) includes a base plate (18) on which the socket (16) is mounted and the respective access apertures of the first receptacle (24) and the second receptacle (26) are at different heights relative to one another.
11. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 1, wherein the second receptacle (26) is substantially in the configuration of a blind hole.
12. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein the base body (12) includes a base plate (18) on which the socket (16) is mounted

and the applicator (14) includes a widened portion (36) supported in the access aperture of the second receptacle (26) on the side of the socket (16) opposite to the base plate (18).

13. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 12, wherein the diameter of the access aperture of the second receptacle (26) substantially corresponds to the respective diameter of the substance transfer element (42) at the region of the substance transfer element (42) in the direction of the working end (38) at which the widened portion (36) is located.

14. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 1, wherein the first receptacle has a closed lower end of the first receptacle (24) which is rounded.

15. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 1, wherein the first receptacle (24) has a height to diameter relationship of more than 1.5:1.

16. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 4, wherein the first receptacle (24) includes an insert (28) forming the fluid retaining volume of the first receptacle (24) and a removable cover foil (32) for covering the access aperture of the first receptacle (24), the cover foil (32) being secured to the access aperture of the first receptacle (24) by a welded seam which encircles the access aperture.

17. (currently amended) The [[An]] application apparatus (10) according to claim 16, wherein the cover foil (32) includes a latch (34) operable to be hand-gripped for pulling the cover foil (32) to open the access aperture of the first receptacle (24), the latch (34) projecting laterally at least beyond the first receptacle (24) and, preferably, projecting laterally beyond the socket (16).

18. (new) The applicator apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the elongated applicator is provided with a widened element and a neck (40) located between the gripping end (44) and the working end (38), the neck having an outer diameter which fits exactly flush in the second receptacle (26) and which, upon insertion of the applicator (14) into the second

receptacle (26), cooperates with the widened element (36) to seal off the upper end of the second receptacle (26).